AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 2 and 3 without prejudice or disclaimer, amend claims 1 and 4, and add new claims 9-13, as follows. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently amended): A bearing member manufacturing method for manufacturing a bearing member having a body part formed of a first material of a light alloy, and a bearing part formed of a second material of a light-alloy-base material different from the light alloy forming the body part, said bearing part having a bearing surface of a semicircular cross section and integrally combined with the body part, said bearing member manufacturing method comprising the steps of:

~~a casting step of forming, in a mold, a primary workpiece having at least one semifinished workpiece including one first workpiece having a cylindrical inside surface serving as the bearing surface, and one second workpiece integrally combined with the first workpiece, by combining the first workpiece and the second workpiece within the mold; and~~

forming short, cylindrical first workpieces made of the second material and each having a cylindrical inside surface serving as the bearing surface;

placing at least one of said first workpieces in a mold with a cavity formed around the first workpiece;

pouring said first material in molten state into said cavity around the first workpiece placed in the mold to metallugically bond together the first workpiece and the second workpiece along an interface therebetween, to thus form, in the mold, a primary workpiece having at least one

semifinished workpiece including the first workpiece and the second workpiece integrally combined with each other; and

~~a dividing step of~~ dividing the primary workpiece removed from the mold into halves along a center plane including a center axis of ~~the~~ said cylindrical inside surface of the first workpieces to obtain two substantially equivalent secondary workpieces for forming two equivalent bearing members.

Claims 2-3 (Canceled).

Claim 4 (Currently amended): The bearing member manufacturing method according to claim [[3]] 1, wherein the molten first metal is poured into the cavity so as to flow in a swirling current in the cavity.

Claim 5 (Original): The bearing member manufacturing method according to claim 1, wherein an aluminum alloy is used as the first material, and an aluminum alloy having a high silicon content is used as the second material.

Claim 6 (Withdrawn) The bearing member manufacturing method according to claim 1, further comprising:

a casting step of forming a primary workpiece including a predetermined number of semifinished workpieces axially arranged such that at least second workpieces included in the semifinished workpieces are continuously arranged in a direction parallel to the center plane, and

a dividing step of dividing the primary workpiece along a plane perpendicular to the direction perpendicular to the center plane of the primary workpiece into the predetermined number of semifinished workpieces.

Claim 7 (Withdrawn) The bearing member manufacturing method according to claim 1, further comprising:

a casting step of forming the primary workpiece including a predetermined number of semifinished workpieces arranged in a direction perpendicular to the center axis included in the center plane such that the second workpieces are continuously arranged in a direction perpendicular to the center axis in the center plane, and

a dividing step of dividing the primary workpiece along a plane perpendicular to the direction perpendicular to the center axis in the center plane into the predetermined number of semifinished workpieces.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): The bearing member manufacturing method according to claim 1, wherein a coefficient of linear expansion of said first material is greater than a coefficient of linear expansion of said second material.

Claim 9 (New): The bearing member manufacturing method according to claim 1, wherein said cavity is given a substantially square shape with four corner portions, as viewed in a center axis direction of the cylindrical first workpieces, and said step of pouring said first material in molten

state into said cavity is carried out by pouring the first material at said four corner portions of the cavity.

Claim 10 (New): The bearing member manufacturing method according to claim 1, wherein the bearing member is for supporting a crankshaft of an internal combustion engine.

Claim 11 (New): The bearing member manufacturing method according to claim 1, wherein the short, cylindrical first workpieces are manufactured by producing a cylindrical workpiece by extrusion and then cutting the cylindrical workpiece into the short, cylindrical first workpieces.

Claim 12 (New): The bearing member manufacturing method according to claim 1, wherein said body part is for being secured to a cylinder block of an engine having a crankshaft.

Claim 13 (New): The bearing member manufacturing method according to claim 12, wherein the first material forming said body part has a coefficient of linear expansion close to that of the cylinder block, and the second material forming said bearing part has a coefficient of linear expansion closer to that of the crankshaft than that of the first material.